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National Public Health Week, 2011

San Bernardino. Today kicked off the annual National Public Health Week celebration in San Bernardino County. Maxwell Ohikhuare, M.D., Health Officer with the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health was presented with the Resolution at the Board of Supervisor's meeting. A second Resolution was presented to Randall Lewis, Executive Vice President, Lewis Group of Companies, in recognition of his advocacy efforts for public health in the community. In addition, in honor of the 5th year anniversary of the Healthy Communities program, mayors of sixteen cities were recognized by the Board of Supervisors for their many contributions to improving the public's health by promoting healthier cities.

The Department's Healthy Communities program was created in 2006, as a central point of contact for health related issues throughout the County. The program provides technical assistance to communities by giving specific recommendations for policy and environmental strategies to improve residents' health. In addition, they collaborate on multiple projects with schools, community and faith-based organizations, public and private agencies, and city governments.

The Department's Healthy Communities program has formed partnerships with sixteen cities in San Bernardino County that have made a commitment to improve the health of their residents. These cities include Adelanto, Apple Valley, Chino, Chino Hills, Colton,

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Fontana, Hesperia, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Rialto, San Bernardino, Upland, Victorville and Yucaipa. “These collaborations are effective tools for improving health in communities,” said Dr. Ohikhuare “I am extremely proud of the citizens and community leaders of these 16 cities who are making a real difference by committing to healthier choices for themselves, their children and families.”

For more information or to access public health services, contact the County of San Bernardino Department of Public Health at (800) 782-4264. You can also visit the department website at <http://www.sbcounty.gov/dph>.

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